



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

Town of Groton Resource Recovery Authority

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Councilors Dean G. Antipas, Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Karen F. Morton, Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Rita M. Schmidt, Heather Bond Somers, James L. Streeter, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

I. Roll Call

Members Present: Councilor Antipas, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Morton, Councilor Peruzzotti, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Somers, Councilor Streeter and Councilor Watson

Also present: Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Director of Public Works Gary Schneider, Dave Aldridge, Executive Director of SCRRRA, Alan Deckman, Consultant for SCRRRA and Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.

Mayor Heather Somers called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

2012-0332

Approval of Minutes (Groton Resource Recovery Authority)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GROTON RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Groton Resource Recovery Authority meeting of May 22, 2012 are hereby accepted and approved.

A motion was made by Councilor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Watson, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Communications

None.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

2012-0340

Extension of Municipal Service Agreement with Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRRA)

Discussed

Dave Aldridge, Executive Director of SCRRRA, gave a brief history of Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority, SCRRRA, stating that the Authority entered into an agreement on November 13, 1985 with 11 Municipalities. 30 year bonds were issued to construct the Preston Solid Waste Disposal and Resources Recovery Facility. This facility generates 20 megawatts of energy per year by producing 270 tons of steam. The steam provides energy to turbines which in turn produce electricity. Connecticut Light and Power purchases this electricity for a fee set by the Authority. SCRRRA has a Municipal Solid Waste Service Agreement that insures a negotiated tipping fee and return on electricity fees. Mr. Aldridge stated that SCRRRA has the authority to extend the existing contracts to February 17, 2017. He mentioned that SCRRRA has enjoyed the lowest tipping fees throughout the state for over 10 years. He recommends extension of the contracts to 2017.

Gary Schneider responded to questions by Councilor Streeter regarding the City of Groton's waste management system. He stated that the City Groton has a single stream recycling program that uses the Willimantic Waste facility. He stated that all subdivision of the Town of Groton participate with SCRRA. He stated that Groton Long Point contracts with CWPM. CWPM has its own transfer station.

Councilor Peruzzotti asked for clarification regarding recycling programs. David Aldridge explained that SCRRA sells the single stream bins to participating towns. Willimantic Waste sorts all the items and sells what is recyclable and the remainder is sent to the Preston Plant. They also sell composting bins for the cost of the bins.

Town Manager Oefinger brought attention to the references of the TOWN OF GROTON in the contract. He suggested that all references of the TOWN OF GROTON should be changed to the TOWN OF GROTON/GRA.

A motion was made by Councilor Antipas, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, to authorize the Town Manager to execute the "Third Amendment to Agreement Between Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority and Town of Groton a Municipality of the State of Connecticut to Provide Solid Waste Management Services" as presented to the Groton Resource Recovery Authority on December 18, 2012, with the modification that references to the Town of Groton be changed to Town of Groton/GRA.

The motion carried unanimously

2011-0150

Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA) Issues - Update Discussed

Executive Director of SCRRA Alan Deckman explained that the new contracts that will be in effect July 1, 2013, will decrease from \$60 a ton to \$58 a ton. He answered in the affirmative to Councilor Johnson's question if there will be a reduction in fees for customers.

Director of Public Works, Gary Schneider, will arrange for a tour of the Preston Solid Waste Disposal and Resources Recovery Facility for the Town Council.

Deleted from Referral List - No further action

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Peruzzotti, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously.